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SUBJ: 36TH INTL CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION, GENEVA, AUGUST 30-
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1. PLENARY SESSION DISCUSSION ON EDUCATIONAL POLICIES AND DEVELOPMENT
EXTENDED THROUGH THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 1, GIVING LATE START TO COMMISSION
A DISCUSSION ON EDUCATIONAL REFORMS, INNOVATIONS AND THEIR EVALUATION

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2. DRAFT COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATION ON DISSEMINATION OF
EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION AND NETWORKING SYSTEMS COMPOSED OF USA,
USSR, JORDAN, BENIN, ARGENTINA, BENIN REQUESTED TO BE REPLACED.

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FRANCE APPOINTED GIVING REPRESENTATION TO FIVE WORKING LANGUAGES.

USDEL EXPERTISE PROVIDED RECOGNIZED LEADERSHIP IN COMMITTEE AND

THEREFORE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIGH PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN DRAFT

RECOMMENDATION WHICH WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY FULL CONFERENCE SEPT
7 WITH MINOR CHANGES.

3. USDEL PARTICIPATION IN IBE/ERIC DEMONSTRATION PLUS LOCKHEED
(DIALOG) AND SOC (ORBIT) DEMONSTRATIONS PROVIDED FAVORABLE U.S.

VISABILITY IN THIS FIELD AND ATTRACTED MUCH INTEREST.

4. USDEL MADE INTERVENTION IN COMMISSION A ON TOPIC SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS WHICH WAS OF INTEREST PARTICULARLY TO COUNTRIES NOT HAVING MUCH INTERACTION BETWEEN SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY.

5. US WAS ELECTED ONE OF TWO VICE PRESIDENTS FOR COMMISSION A, DEPUTY HEAD OF US DELEGATION SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF AFTERNOON SESSION, SEPTEMBER 6, ON INTERNATIONAL DIMENSIONS OF EDUCATION. TEMPO OF MEETING AND INTEGRATION OF SPEAKER COMMENTS IMPROVED SESSION ACCORDING TO FAVORABLE REACTION OF OTHER DELEGATIONS.

6. COMMISSION A AND B REPORTS WERE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS IN COMMISSION AND NOTED BY PLENARY. FINAL CONFERENCE REPORT ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS WITHOUT VOTE. AFTER FINAL SUMMARY REPORT OF CONFERENCE WAS GIVEN BY RAPPORTEUR GENERAL (SENEGAL), DIFFERENT REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES WERE ASKED TO RESPOND TO THE REPORT AND ON SUCCESS OF CONFERENCE. FOR AFRICA, THE CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE RESPONDED, FOR THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FOR THE ARAB STATES, JORDAN; FOR ASIA, BURMA; FOR LATIN AMERICA, VENEZUELA; FOR THE WESTERN EUROPEAN REGION THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. ALL SPOKE TO THE SUBJECT EXCEPT VICE MINISTER OF EDUCATION FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHO SUDDENTLY APROPOS OF NOTHING CRITICIZED AN UNNAMED COUNTRY FOR PLANNING A NEUTRON BOMB WHICH KILLED PEOPLE BUT DID NOT DESTROY BUILDINGS. SHE INDICATED THAT ALL MUST OBJECT TO THIS AND SAID THAT THE NATIONAL RESPONSIBLE

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SEEMED TO THINK MORE OF SAVING BUILDINGS THAN LIVES. THIS WAS AT VERY END OF CONFERENCE WITH NO OPPORTUNITY FOR ANY STATE TO SPEAK FURTHER. ABOUT 80 PER CENT OF DELEGATES DEPLORED SUCH STATEMENTS AND MANY SO STATED TO USDEL.

7. (A) EGYPT REQUESTED THAT POLITICAL REMARKS BY ARAB STATES AGAINST ISRAEL IN OPENING PLENARY SESSIONS REPORTED IN REFTEL BE INCLUDED IN FINAL CONFERENCE REPORT. ICENSURING PARAGRAPH WAS INCLUDED AT END OF REPORT (FINAL VERSION WAS CONSIDERABLY SOFTENED DUE TO AFRICAN PRESSURE BUT REFLECTED SENSE OF ARAB REMARKS).

(B) AFRICA PRESSURE ALSO REMOVED GDR AND BULGARIA ATTEMPT TO INCLUDE REFERENCE TO FINAL ACT OF HELSINKI 1975 IN RECOMMENDATION #71

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8. OVERALL RESULTS OF CONFERENCE CONSIDERED TO BE SUCCESSFUL FROM U.S. VIEWPOINT. RECOMMENDATION #71 AND FINAL REPORTS POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT VANDEN HEUVEL

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